

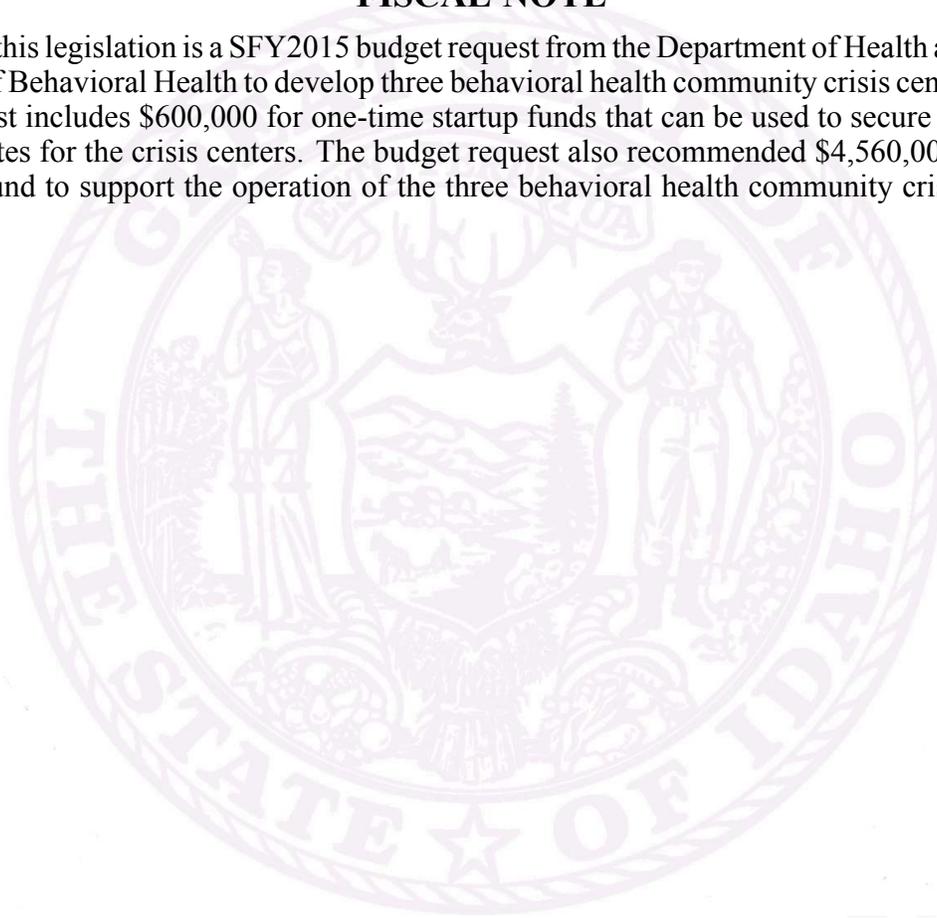
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to establish behavioral health community crisis centers. Law enforcement and hospital emergency departments are often the default provider of crisis intervention for Idahoans experiencing behavioral health crises. Behavioral health community crisis centers are specifically designed to provide an effective and efficient alternative to incarceration and hospitalization. The behavioral health community crisis centers provide transitional de-escalation, stabilization, and community referral services. The crisis centers can be accessed by individuals directly or law enforcement can drop individuals off at the facility.

FISCAL NOTE

Parallel to this legislation is a SFY2015 budget request from the Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Behavioral Health to develop three behavioral health community crisis centers in Idaho. This request includes \$600,000 for one-time startup funds that can be used to secure and renovate physical sites for the crisis centers. The budget request also recommended \$4,560,000 in ongoing General Fund to support the operation of the three behavioral health community crisis centers in Idaho.



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